



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 3, 2021 | Online Service
Second Sunday after Christmas

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn 93: *Regent Square*, “Angels, from the realms of glory”

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 78

Confession of Sin

Officiant

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite S35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 84:1-8 *Quam dilecta!*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: For unto us a child is born (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. ~*Isaiah 9:6*

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

BCP 97

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let the people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

Anthem: O thou that tellest glad tidings (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Recitative

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us. ~*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23*

Air and Chorus

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. ~*Isaiah 40:9; 60:1*

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentences

Hymn 105: *God Rest You Merry*, “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray;

Refrain O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. *Refrain*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.” *Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Imogen Scott Wellford, Camilla Wellford Garland, Margaret McIver Garland, and Landon Wellford Garland*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Officiant: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Musicians: The Parish Choir

Soloist: Heather Jones

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially the family of Eleanor Angle, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, the family of Anne Bedner, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Keri Copley, Betty Crasten, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, the family of Garrett Lockhart, Eleanor Lynch, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Tommy Runyon, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Barbara Streever, Anne Sweets, Gordon Wallace, David Wilkinson, Henry Willett, Bodie Williamson, Barbara Willis, Amy, and Paul

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Chris Abplanalp, Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially William Smith

For the newly born: especially Samuel Alden Shakeshaft Blinka, son of Emma Shakeshaft and David Blinka, and Theodore Logan Pollard, son of Tyler Pollard and Emily Wagner, who were born recently

For the recently married: especially Melinda Parker and the Reverend Dr. D. Mark Cooper

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Mark Boykin, Gordon Crenshaw, Drew Hartley, Alan Lapierre, Ben Parrott, and Tom Porterfield II who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Alfred Pittman

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Messiah is Handel's most beloved work and among the most popular works in Western music. According to the manuscript, written in Handel's own hand, *Messiah* was composed between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The libretto was compiled by Charles Jennens, a clergyman, literary scholar and editor of Shakespeare's plays. He created the libretto by assembling verses from the King James Bible, including not only the story of Christ's life from the New Testament but selections from Old Testament books of Isaiah, Haggai, and Malachi and others. Part I is primarily concerned with the Advent and Christmas stories.

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

- 9/20 Liz Nance– A Celtic Blessing (M. Whitmire)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIr4o8ddtUFgkFHcKIguFKQ>
- 9/27 Knox Hubard– What good am I? (Dylan)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1DFF7VFCtg
- 10/4 Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane - O praise the Lord who made all beauty (Hopson)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z93KIAKV3RA>
- 10/11 Heather Jones– I will sing new songs of gladness (Dvorak)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLw5hBePEIA>
- 10/18 Nathan Bick - Then shall the righteous shine (Mendelssohn)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7WUd5clKAg>
- 10/25 Diane Wright, Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubard, Scott Milstead - Come to Jesus
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjrwwu1uzRY>
- 11/1 Elisabeth Eckstein, Julianne Eckstein - I sing a song of the saints of God
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE_E
- 11/15 Lisa Edward Burrs, Anthony Dowd, Matt Hall, Aaron Binder - He's got the whole world
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o-t1Lc1kC0>
- Molly Sharp, Roberts Wadsworth - Be thou my vision (arr. M. Whitmire)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>
- 11/22 Massie Valentine, Hank Artz, Scott Milstead, Molly Sharp – O love that will not let me go
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z-jST1ek3M>
- 11/29 Chamber Choir – E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come (Manz)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcLDfky6IUM&feature=youtu.be>

Virtual Choir Links

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBE828xCrWE&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqELCw0uXsU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxyU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

If ye love me (Tallis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDGaKW-A2zg&feature=youtu.be>

Ubi caritas (Gjelo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0FrP0CrEmc&feature=youtu.be>

In the bleak midwinter (Holst)

<https://youtu.be/uxjyp9FdDsw>